

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the above amendments is requested. Claims 1-21, 32-38, 42-47, and 49-59 are now in the case. Claims 32, 34, 35, and 42 have been amended. Claims 55-59 have been added.

Support for the above amendments is found throughout the application as filed, including at pages 12-13, 19, and 25. No new matter has been added.

The claims have been amended solely for business reasons, to expedite prosecution of claims drawn to subject matter of particular commercial interest. Amendments have not been made for reasons related to patentability. Indeed, no claim has been rejected in this application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims to canceled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

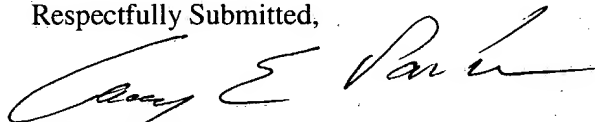
Claims 22-31, 39-41, and 48 of the parent application were canceled before calculation of the filing fee in the present application. As indicated in the Filing Receipt, the present application was filed with 40 claims in total.

Applicants elect Group II, claims 32-38 and 42, and further including new claims 55-59. The remaining claims have been withdrawn.

Applicants elect the species polypeptides comprising amino acid residues 250-370 of SEQ ID NO:2. The following claims are believed to read on this species: 32-38, 42, 56-57, and 59.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6673.

Respectfully Submitted,



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